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AUSTRO-GERMANS PLAN  
ANOTHER OFFENSIVEEither Against Allies in the South or Russians  
in the East

MAIN ARMY OF SERBIANS, FEARFULLY DEPLETED, HAS RETREATED INTO THE MONTENEGRIN MOUNTAINS

(Associated Press)

London, Dec. 2.—Military events in the Balkans are in a transitory stage, which may preface another German offensive, but there is nothing to indicate whether it will be against the French and British forces holding what is left of Serbia or against the Russians, should they launch an attack against the Bulgarians in the east.

Some interpret the withdrawal of German troops from the Serbian front to Bulgaria as meaning the latter alternative. Austro-Germans and Bulgarians both officially announce the completion of the Serbian campaign.

SERBIAN ARMIES ENTIRELY SHATTERED

Vienna says that 60,000 Serbians were captured during November alone, moreover, it is believed the Serbians abandoned much equipment in their retreat through the Albanian passes, encumbered by civilian refugees and harassed by winter. The Germans engaging Montenegrins on the Montenegrin frontier have, in spite of heavy loss, penetrated some distance from the border.

It now seems clear that Greece neither intends to demobilize or withdraw her troops from Saloniki.

No significant change is reported from either the eastern or western fronts.

## MR. DON M'MULLEN

ANOTHER NOTED TEMPERANCE ORATOR WILL SPEAK IN OCALA SATURDAY EVENING

Mr. Don McMullen will speak on the subject of prohibition at the band stand on the courthouse square Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. If the weather is such as to make an outdoor meeting undesirable the speaking will take place in the courthouse.

Mr. McMullen is attorney for the railroad commission and is at present making his home in Tallahassee. He is a fluent speaker and having made a study for some years of the prohibition proposition is in position to deliver a most interesting address on the subject.

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear Mr. McMullen.

WATSON CASE RESULTED IN A MISTRIAL

(Associated Press)

Augusta, Dec. 2.—The jury in the case of Thomas Watson, who is charged with sending obscene matter thru the mails, failed to find a verdict and the judge discharged the jury.

SHIP STRANDED ON THE GOODWIN SANDS

London, Dec. 2.—The liner Marengo from New York for Hull, is stranded on Goodwin Sands. A life boat has gone to the Marengo's assistance.

The Man Who  
DRINKS  
Is the First Man to  
be Laid Off and the  
LAST MAN to be  
Taken On.

THINK IT OVER

MUCH MEAT  
IS MOVING

COLD SPELL HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PROMOTER OF HOG KILLING

The recent cold snap has caused the hog raisers of the county to get busy butchering their hogs and the meat is coming into the cold storage department of the Ocala Ice & Packing Co. at a rate that would gratify anyone. The meat is coming from all parts of the county.

The Marion Farms butchered 110 head of fine hogs the first of the week. These hogs, lacking several days of being a year old, weighed from 200 to 400 pounds each. The management placed 15,000 pounds of hams and shoulders in the cold storage department and there is a great quantity of trimmings that will be worked up in sausage and other bi-products and several thousand pounds of lard was made.

The balance of the big herd of nearly 400 head of hogs will be killed in a short time. This meat belongs to the state of Florida, as the state is the lessee of the farms.

SENATORS ENGAGE IN A WORDY SCRAP

Administration Leaders Endeavor to Pacify the Opposition

(Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Administration leaders are endeavoring to allay the opposition in the democratic Senate caucus to re-elected Senator Clark president pro tem. Senator Pomerene is an avowed candidate. The opposition to the election of Senator Clark is based on his opposition to the administration's ship purchase bill of last session. A vigorous fight is also expected on whether to adopt the cloture rule and eliminating filibuster tactics.

WINDSOR HOTEL OPEN FOR THE WINTER

Favorite Stopping Place in Jacksonville for Floridians

The Times-Union says: The Windsor hotel opens today for the season with prospects of having one of the best seasons in years. Manager A. F. Wilson stated last night that everything is in readiness, the entire establishment having been overhauled and given a thorough cleaning, and the force of helpers and attaches have arrived.

The Windsor was closed at the end of the last tourist season in the spring of the present year and the clerks and attaches left for the Eastern resorts for the summer. Several weeks ago a large force was put to work touching up the various spots needing attention and cleaning every room and apartment from top to bottom, as well as painting wherever necessary. Yesterday the last finishing touches were added.

Manager Wilson announced that the same clerical and official force which was with the hotel last year will be in their places during the winter. These include: R. F. O'Neill, chief clerk; W. L. Mizell, cashier; W. L. Branch, night clerk; J. J. Cashen, steward and Pierre Delaforgue, chef.

Any two clerks from Goldman's Bargain House will be treated to a bottle of Coca-Cola at the expense of this company, by calling on the Carn-Thomas company and showing this advertisement. The Ocala Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

## ITALIANS LAND AT AVALONA

EITHER TO AID SERBIANS OR SUPPRESS ALBANIANS

(Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 2.—Italian troops landed at Avalona, Albania, Tuesday, according to information from a reliable Athens source, says a News dispatch from Athens.

## TRAMMELL DECLINES TO TRAVEL

FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR REFUSES TO HELP ADVERTISE HENRY FORD

(Associated Press)

Tallahassee, Dec. 2.—Governor Trammell has declined Henry Ford's invitation to join the European peace mission. The governor said he sympathizes with the plan but official business keeps him at home.

## STRUCK A SUB

BRITISH CAPTAIN BELIEVES HIS SHIP SUNK AN UNDER-SEA BOAT

(Associated Press)

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Captain Glass of the British freight steamer Invokirk, which reached this port today, said he believed, unknowingly, he rammed a submarine while the submarine was submerged near Gibraltar November 6th. His ship struck something and immediately oil rose to the surface. The captain says the damage to his ship, which will go on dry dock here, indicates that she struck and sunk a submarine.

SPECIAL W. C. T. U. MEETING

The W. C. T. U. will hold a called meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church. All temperance women of the town, whether W. C. T. U. members or not, are requested to be present.

Mrs. E. Van Hood.

Positions for Stenographers and Typewriters

There are at present twenty vacancies in stenographer and typewriting positions in the fifth civil service district, paying from \$840 to \$1,000 per annum. The civil service commission has announced an examination for stenographer and typewriter to be held here December 7, 1915, as the result of which the above vacancies will be filled. No applications have been received by the district secretary at Atlanta, Ga., from this city or immediate territory. Application blanks and information may be secured from the local secretary at the postoffice building, or from the secretary, fifth civil service district, Atlanta, Ga.

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Pardons will be held at Tallahassee on December 8th, 1915.

New dolls, toys and games now coming in at The Book Shop. 3t

## HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

OFFERED BY THE PROHIBITIONISTS FOR PROOF OF ANY CASE OF BRIBERY OR ILLEGAL VOTING IN THE WET OR DRY ELECTION

In every wet or dry election in this county up to the present, the saloon men have relied on the ignorant and purchasable vote. In spite of the laws to the contrary, they have paid poll taxes for men whom they relied on to support their cause, and otherwise bribed them. While the prohibitionists have been aware of this, they have in previous campaigns lacked tangible evidence.

POSITIVE PROOF OF CORRUPT PRACTICES

One day early in last month, the following document was picked up on the street and brought to the Star, which now holds it:

Ocala, Fla., November 2nd, 1915

In consideration of twenty dollars in hand paid, I agree to use my best efforts to carry Martel precinct "wet," and in the event the precinct and county goes wet, it is understood that I will receive thirty dollars additional.

Signed:

JOHN J. MOBLEY.

Marion Protective Association,  
By.....?

WHO MOBLEY IS

A search of the registration books shows that John J. Mobley is a negro voter of Martel precinct.

WHO "?" IS

The receipt was signed by a well-known "wet" worker of Ocala, whose name the Star, out of personal friendship, refrains from printing.

PAYING POLL TAXES

Early in November, as is usual before a local option election, many poll taxes were paid. Most of these, of course, were paid first-hand. But soon a large number began to come in by mail.

The tax collector soon noticed that the envelopes containing these taxes were addressed in only two or three handwritings, and had other marks of coming from other parties than the voters whose polls they professed to pay.

He sent out deputies who in a short time secured affidavits from men whose polls had been sent in that they did not send their polls by mail, that they had either not paid, or had paid their taxes themselves at other times, or were exempt from paying. Some of the voters whose polls were thus sent in are dead, others have left the county.

STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST THE SALOONS

The tax collector holds these affidavits. He also holds a number of poll taxes, with their accompanying letters, which the law prevents him from accepting. He also holds a long list of "suspects."

BUSINESS FOR THE GRAND JURY

It will be seen by the law quoted below that a man who pays another's poll tax, or a man who tries to vote on a poll tax paid for him by another party is liable to arrest and trial and on conviction to be sent to the chain gang.

PROHIBITIONISTS WILL UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THE LAW

On election day, voters against whom there is evidence or suspicion will be challenged, and if they persist in voting, the tax collector will give the evidence he holds to the grand jury.

THE LAW IS PLAIN

Following is the law, which plainly sets forth that any man who gives or accepts a bribe is liable to severe punishment:

LAW RELATING TO POLL TAXES

Chapter 5928 (No. 59).—An Act Making it Unlawful for Any Person or Corporation to Pay the Poll Tax of Any Other Person or Furnish the Money Therefor, or for any Tax Collector to Accept Payment of Poll Taxes from Any Person Other Than the Person Whose Poll Tax is Being Paid, and Fixing a Penalty for the Violation Thereof.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. It is hereby made unlawful for any person or corporation in this state to pay the poll tax for any other person, or furnish the money to any other person for the purpose of paying such other or any other person's poll tax; or for any tax collector to accept the payment of poll taxes from any person other than the person whose poll tax is being paid, except that one person may pay the poll tax of another, provided the person paying such poll tax shall at the same time pay a tax duty assessed on property belonging to the person whose poll tax is being paid.

Sec. 2. That upon the conviction of any person or corporation for the violation of this Act, a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, shall be imposed.

Approved June 11, 1909.

ILLEGAL BALLOTS

Section 3830 (No. 2787).—Casting Illegal Ballot. Whoever casts knowingly an illegal vote at any election in this state held according to law, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(No. 3837).—Penalty for Aiding or Abetting. Any person or persons who shall aid, abet, or advise a violation of the preceding section shall be punished in like manner as the principal offender.

PERSONS DISQUALIFIED TO VOTE

Chapter 170, General Statutes.—Fourth. Persons who may have been convicted of felony by any court of record.

Fifth. Persons who may have been convicted of bribery, perjury, or larceny, or of any infamous crime in any court of this state, or any other state, or interested in any bet or wager, the result of which shall depend upon any election, or that shall hereafter fight a duel, or send knowingly, carry or accept a challenge to fight, or that shall agree to be a second to either party, or that shall be the bearer of such challenge or acceptance; but the legal disability shall not accrue until after trial and conviction by due form of law.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD

For evidence to convict a man of paying other men's poll taxes, offering or giving bribes to voters, or otherwise breaking the law set forth above, the prohibition executive committee of Marion county will pay One Hundred Dollars.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD

For evidence to convict a man of allowing another man to pay his poll tax, or of his accepting any other form of bribe, whether in money, whisky or other goods, or of a man voting illegally in the election, the prohibition executive committee will pay Fifty Dollars Reward.

RESULT OF ELECTION WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE

These prosecutions will be pushed whether the county goes wet or dry. The prohibitionists are determined to do all in their power to break up corrupt election practices in Marion county.

REPORTS BY THE  
FEDERAL RESERVE

Indicates Business is Steadily Improving

PEOPLE NORTH AND SOUTH SEEM TO REGARD ECONOMY AS A THING OF THE PAST

(Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 2.—Reports from federal reserve agents in all parts of the country show business conditions in the main improving, according to an announcement made today by the federal reserve board. Atlanta district reported a continuation of the improvement already noted. Boston reported the economic state of the past few months is not being observed and the public is spending more freely.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT  
MAKES INQUIRY

SEEMS TO THINK DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BELIEVES GORICAR'S STATEMENT

(Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—The Austro-Hungarian government has inquired, through Ambassador Penfield, concerning the statement recently issued by the department of justice, which is considered by the Austrian embassy here as confirming charges made by Dr. Goricar, former Austrian consul. Dr. Goricar charged that the Austrian consuls were directed by the German embassy in connection with the conspiracy to destroy ammunition plants.

## CHEMICALS IN COAL

OF SHIPS LOADING WITH MUNITIONS FOR THE ALLIES

(Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 2.—Federal and city detectives are working as coal trimmers on ships loading munitions for the allies, because it has been reported that certain chemicals would be placed in the coal to cause spontaneous combustion at sea.

ANOTHER RUMOR LAID OUT

China Has Never Been Invited to Join the Entente Allies

(Associated Press)

Peking, Dec. 2.—China has formally denied it ever considered joining the entente allies or had been requested to do so.

BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 2.—Miss Sarah Ferguson, a member of the Waldo school faculty, spent Thanksgiving here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mills and pretty daughters, Misses Mattie and Eva, were guests of relatives at Blitherton last Sunday.

Miss Fae Beck of Eureka, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beck last week.

Mr. R. W. Ervin of Winter Garden, spent Thanksgiving with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and handsome little son Pearce, spent Saturday night and Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beck.

Miss Floy McCully of Marshville, was the guest of her parents the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Jim Rook is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Seckinger.

Mrs. H. W. Rawls and children of North Carolina, are spending a while with relatives in Berlin.

Quite a number of Berlinites attended the fair in Ocala last week and pronounced it a grand success.

CAN'T VISIT THE  
WARRING COUNTRIES

MR. LANSING KNOCKS PROPS FROM UNDER FORD AND HIS MISSIONARIES

(Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today that he would refuse passports for the belligerent European countries to the members of the peace party expecting to sail on the ship chartered by Henry Ford. The secretary stated he could issue passports to the belligerent countries only when it was shown that business made it absolutely necessary to visit that country.

SOUTHERN COTTON  
AT SEATTLE

ON ITS WAY TO RUSSIA FOR USE OF CZAR'S ARMIES

(Associated Press)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2.—Exporters began negotiations this morning for warehouse space for thousands of carloads of cotton en route here from the South for shipment to Vladivostok, Russia. Because of a scarcity of ocean tonnage the cotton may have to lay here several weeks. Cotton shipments thru this port for Russia are said to be unprecedented.

COTTON PLANT

Cotton Plant, Dec. 1.—We are certainly having some fine hog killing weather now. There is sure some of them dying with sore head. Mr. Jas. A. Brooks killed fine bacon hogs this morning.

Mr. Chas. R. Veal butchered four nice hogs today.

Almost everybody from our section attended the fair, and think it was the best yet. It certainly showed what Marion county soil can do, if the people work it right.

Miss Carrie Barco left Monday noon for Rodman, where she will visit her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Barco, for about two weeks.

Mr. A. S. Harroun made a business trip to Ocala today.

Mr. D. M. Barco is in the city this week looking after the registration books and getting ready for the wet and dry election. Lets all vote a dry ticket and watch the good results.

Mr. W. E. Mattair and Miss Mary Callison visited Miss Rachel Veal Saturday night and enjoyed several games, one of them being smut. The writer certainly knows something of that game, for he had his face blacked one night not long ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woodward spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Brooks today.

Mr. W. D. Parker went up to the Brick City Thursday night and were guests at the Ocala House. The attended the fair on Friday and the carnival on Friday night.

The many friends of Miss Yvonne Seckinger rejoice with her in getting the first prize in the canning club contest and wish her much success in her future life.

Miss Helen Veal attended the fair and was the guest of Miss Katie Mae Eagleton, while in Ocala. She reports a fine trip.

The Apropos Amusement Club meets tomorrow night and all who attend are expecting a fine time.